OPINION 1737

Palaeopropithecus ingens G. Grandidier, 1899 (Mammalia, Primates): generic and specific names conserved

Ruling

(1) Under the plenary powers the following names are hereby suppressed for the purposes of the Principle of Priority but not for those of the Principle of Homonymy:

(a) the generic name *Thaumastolemur* Filhol, 1895;

(b) the specific name *grandidieri* Filhol, 1895, as published in the binomen *Thaumastolemur grandidieri*.

(2) The name *Palaeopropithecus* G. Grandidier, 1899 (gender: masculine), type species by monotypy *Palaeopropithecus ingens* G. Grandidier, 1899, is hereby placed on the Official List of Generic Names in Zoology.

(3) The name *ingens* G. Grandidier, 1899, as published in the binomen *Palaeopropithecus ingens* (specific name of the type species of *Palaeopropithecus* G. Grandidier, 1899), is hereby placed on the Official List of Specific Names in Zoology.

(4) The name *Thaumastolemur* Filhol, 1895, as suppressed in (1)(a) above, is hereby placed on the Official Index of Rejected and Invalid Generic Names in Zoology.

(5) The name *grandidieri* Filhol, 1895, as published in the binomen *Thaumastolemur grandidieri* and as suppressed in (1)(b) above, is hereby placed on the Official Index of Rejected and Invalid Specific Names in Zoology.

History of Case 2785

An application for the conservation of the generic and specific names of *Palaeopropithecus ingens* G. Grandidier, 1899 was received from Drs Ian Tattersall (*American Museum of Natural History, New York, U.S.A.*), Elwyn L. Simons (*Duke University Primate Center, Durham, North Carolina, U.S.A.*) and Martine Vuillaume-Randriamanantena (*Service de Paléontologie, Université d'Antananarivo, Madagascar; Muséum National d'Histoire Naturelle, Paris, France*) on 6 August 1990. After correspondence the case was published in BZN **49**: 55–57 (March 1992). Notice of the case was sent to appropriate journals. A comment in support from Dr Eric Delson (*American Museum of Natural History, New York, N.Y., U.S.A.*) and 16 others from a number of institutions was published (p. 73) at the same time as the application.

Decision of the Commission

On 1 December 1992 the members of the Commission were invited to vote on the proposals published in BZN **49**: 56. At the close of the voting period on 1 March 1993 the votes were as follows:

Affirmative votes — 28: Bayer, Bock, Bouchet, Cocks, Cogger, Corliss, Dupuis, Hahn, Halvorsen, Heppell, Holthuis, Kabata, Kraus, Macpherson, Mahnert, Martins de Souza, Minelli, Nielsen, Nye, Ride, Savage, Schuster, Starobogatov, Štys, Thompson, Trjapitzin, Uéno, Willink

Negative votes — 1: Lehtinen.

Lehtinen considered that, since two names for a taxon had been proposed within four years based on material from adjacent type localities, priority should apply, particularly as the type material for the older name exists.

Original references

The following are the original references to the names placed on Official Lists and Official Indexes by the ruling given in the present Opinion:

grandidieri, *Thaumastolemur*, Filhol, 1895, *Bulletin du Muséum National d'Histoire Naturelle*, **1**(1): 13.

ingens, *Palaeopropithecus*, G. Grandidier, 1899, *Bulletin du Muséum National d'Histoire Naturelle*, **5**(7): 345.

Palaeopropithecus G. Grandidier, 1899, *Bulletin du Muséum National d'Histoire Naturelle*, **5**(7): 345.

Thaumastolemur Filhol, 1895, *Bulletin du Muséum National d'Histoire Naturelle*, **1**(1): 13.